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Applicant : Theresa H. SMITH

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Group Art Unit : 1653

Examiner : Liu, Samuel W.

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 22, 2003, the period for filing a response to which having been extended by two months, from January 22, 2004 to March 22, 2004, by virtue of concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, Applicant elects herewith, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-9. This election is being made without prejudice to the Applicant's right to file

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divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions of Groups II-V, in due course.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 10-11 depend from Claim 7. Accordingly, Claims 10-11 should also be examined with Group I, which includes Claim 7.

It is believed that no additional fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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